

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-14 and 16-35 are pending in the present application. Claims 15 and 39 have been cancelled by the present amendment.

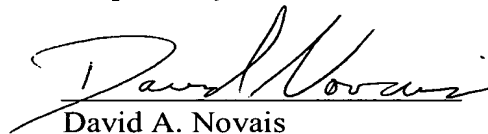
In the Advisory Action dated 6/01/04, the final rejection of claims 1-14, 17 and 39 was maintained. As further noted in the Advisory Action, Claims 18-35 were indicated as being allowable and claims 15 and 16 were objected to.

In order to expedite the allowance of the present application, the present response amends the claims in view of the indication of allowable subject matter noted in the Advisory Action. More specifically, based on the objection to claim 15, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 15; based on the objection to claim 16, claim 16 has been amended to be in independent form and include the subject matter of original claim 1; and claim 39 has been cancelled. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of the original or cancelled claims by way of a continuation application.

Therefore, amended claim 1 and claims 2-14 and 17 which depend either directly or indirectly from claim 1, are allowable; and amended claim 16 is also allowable. As noted above, claims 18-35 have been allowed. The above amendments which are based on the indication of allowable subject matter as set forth in the Advisory Action, have been made to place the present application in condition for allowance and do not raise new issues.

In view of the forgoing comments a notice of allowance indicating the allowance of pending claims 1-14 and 16-35 is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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